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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, [] 25X1

SUBJECT: SEATO Sponsorship of Bilateral Programs

REFERENCES: (a) Memorandum from Chief, []
dtd. 16 January 1956, same subject

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(b) [] 30 December 1955

1. Reference (b), above, was received as a result of a request by the State Department that we canvass all interested [] areas for suggestions for activities that might be included for consideration at the CCCS Meeting in Bangkok in January 1956. It was fully recognized that for reasons of security, very few, if any, of our bilateral operations could be tied into the multilateral SEATO Program.

2. Replies have been received from a number [] but very little was of a nature that could even be considered for inclusion in SEATO. The adoption of any specific recommendation such as those made in the Reference (b) would, of course, be fully cleared with all interested officers before being transmitted to the field. It is not our intention at this time to pursue further any definite action on any of the suggestions received.

3. A recent memorandum [] to C/FE and C/NEA has requested that you express appreciation to the reporting stations for their suggestions and that you advise them that for a number of reasons, definite action on these suggestions is not possible at this time.

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